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Deborah Jones, Treasurer
Whirlpool Corporation Political Action
Committee
2000 M 63
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

SEP 2 5 2002

Identification Number:

C00039040

Reference:

Mid-Year (1/1/01-6/30/01). Year End (7/1/01-12/31/01), April Quarterly (1/1/02-3/31/02) and July Quarterly (4/1/02-6/30/02) Reports

Dear Ms. Jones:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses aggregate year-to-date totals for contributions received from individuals which appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that federal regulations require aggregate year-to-date totals to include only those contributions which are received during the calendar year. In the event that the aggregate year-to-date total is correct, please note that federal regulations also require the disclosure of all contributions received from individuals who have contributed over \$200. If CFR §104.3(a)(4) Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date totals.

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) discloses contributions received through a payroll deduction plan. Generally, a committee's report must identify each contribution from an individual which in the aggregate exceeds \$200 during the calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §434(b)) For your information, instead of separate itemization, a committee using a payroll deduction plan may disclose the aggregate amount of contributions received from the contributor through the payroll deduction plan during the reporting period; the identification of the individual where the contribution

exceeds \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year; and a statement of the amount deducted per pay period. Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payroll deductions. 11 CFR §104.8(b)

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Jane Parks

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Indicate the type of receipt itemized on a particular Schedule A by checking the box for the corresponding line numper from the Dotalled Summary Page. where indicated in the upper right corner of the schedule. The appropriate catagory of receipt may also be written at the top of each page.

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### Itemized Information

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- The full name and address (including) zio code) of the contributor or other source;
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